FILED 1 Michael L. Meeks, Esq. (State Bar No. 172000) meeksm@pepperlaw.com 2009 DEC 16 PH 2:50 Carol A. Dwyer, Esq. (State Bar No. 239769) 3 dwyerc@pepperlaw.com PEPPER HAMILTON LLP 4 Park Plaza, Suite 1200 Irvine, California 92614 Telephone: 949.567.3500 6 Fax: 866.228.9215 7 Attorneys for Plaintiff, JOE JUNEAU 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 C \$488-08.284 CBM PARK JOE JUNEAU, an individual, 12 COMPLAINT FOR: 13 Plaintiff. 14 1. Breach of Fiduciary Duty 15 2. Fraud PHILLIP A. KENNER, an individual; 16 STANDARD ADVISORS, INC., a 3. Professional Negligence Delaware Corporation and STANDARD 17 ADVISORS, LLC, a Nevada Limited 4. Constructive 18 Liability Company; NA' ALEHU Trust/Appointment of a VENTURES 2006, LLC, a Delaware Receiver 19 limited liability company; WWK 20 5. Section 10b-5 Securities HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC, a Fraud Delaware limited liability company; 21 WINDWALKER HAWAII LLC, a DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL 22 Delaware limited liability company; JN DEVELOPMENT LLC; a limited 23 liability company; BILL NAJAM, an 24 individual; LITTLE ISLE IV, LLC; **ESCER HOLDING** 25 26 27

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1 CORPORATION; a New York corporation; KENNETH A. JOWDY, an 2 individual; BAJA DEVELOPMENT 3 CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; BAJA MANAGEMENT 4 LLC, a New York limited liability 5 company; MOSSES GUTMAN, an individual; CODE FIRE 6 ACQUISITION CORPORATION, a 7 California corporation; JOHN WARD, an individual; LORING WARD 8 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., a 9 California Corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. 10 Defendant. 11

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The instant Complaint involves egregious breaches of trust by Defendants Phillip A. Kenner, Standard Advisors, Inc. and Standard Advisors, LLC (collectively, "Kenner"). Kenner was plaintiff Joe Juneau's ("Juneau") business manager and investment advisor for many years. Juneau placed unquestioning trust in Kenner and allowed Kenner to exercise a significant amount of control over Juneau's money.
- 2. In concert with the named co-defendants, Kenner perpetrated a series of investment scams against Juneau, as well as other "clients" of Kenner. Among other things, Kenner secretly controlled many of the purported investment opportunities through "straw men" name herein as co-defendants. Moreover, Kenner entered into arrangements with regard to many of the "investments" whereby Kenner received secret interests and "kick-backs." In addition, Kenner secretly withdrew funds from Juneau's brokerage accounts, without Juneau's consent, and used them for Kenner's own personal use.

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- 3. Whereas Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner has financially gained from investments which Kenner has recommended to Juneau in the last several years, Juneau has not received investment returns from these investments. Nor does he even had any written records of these investments of proof that they have in fact been made.
- 4. Equally as disturbing, in rendering "professional" services to Juneau, Kenner has committed myriad acts of negligence, failing to complete the most basic accounting tasks and consistently failing to provide Juneau with adequate documentation of this investments or any financial statements. As a result of Kenner's malfeasance and neglect, Juneau cannot account for millions of dollars of his assets.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff Joe Juneau is a citizen and resident of the country of Canada. Juneau is hereinafter referred to as "Juneau" or "Plaintiff."
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes that defendant Phillip A. Kenner is a citizen and resident of Arizona. Plaintiff is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that he had conducted, and continues to conduct, business in California on a regular basis. Kenner served as Plaintiff's business manager and investment advisors for many years.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Standard Advisors, Inc. is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business in Arizona but also does business in the Central District of California. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Standard Advisors, LLC is a Nevada limited liability company with its principal place of business in Nevada but also doing business in Los Angeles County, California. Phillip A. Kenner, Standard Advisors, Inc. and Standard Advisors, LLC are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Kenner" or "Defendants."
 - 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that

defendant Bill Najam is a citizen and resident of New York. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Bill Najam is defendant Kenneth Jowdy's uncle.

- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Kenneth A. Jowdy is a citizen and resident of Las Vegas.
- 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Na' Alehu Ventures 2006, LLC ("NAV") is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Arizona and also doing business in California and Hawaii. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner is the managing member of NAV.
- 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant WWK Hawaii Holdings, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business Massachusetts and doing business in Hawaii.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Windwalker Hawaii LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Massachusetts and doing business in Hawaii.
- 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that JN Development LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Arizona. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that JN Development LLC is a member of Na' Alehu Ventures 2006, LLC. Plaintiff is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants Ken Jowdy and Bill Najam are nominally members of JN Development LLC.
- 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants Kenner, Ken Jowdy, Bill Najam, WWK Hawaii Holdings LLC, Windwalker Hawaii LLC, JN Development LLC, and NAV (collectively the "Hawaii Defendants") are part of a scheme intended to conceal secret interests and profits and enrich these defendants at the expense of actual investors in certain

Hawaii real estate.

- Escer Holding Corp. ("Escer") is a New York corporation. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Escer purports to do business in New York. Plaitniff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Escer has no actual business activity. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Escer received investments from Kenner's clients, provides some form of secret compensation in return for the money from Kenner's clients and then the money is transferred to overseas accounts.
- 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Mosses Gutman ("Gutman") is an individual residing in New York. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that Gutman purports to run Escer from a garage behind his home in New York. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Escer has no other employees or business other than raising money.
- 17. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at all times, Kenner knew that Escer had no real business and that Kenner recommended that Juneau and other of Kenner's "invest" in Escer for the purpose of Kenner's personal profit (Plaintiff collectively refers to Kenner, Gutman and Escer collectively as the "Escer Defendants").
- 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Baja Development Corporation is a Delaware corporation. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Baja Development Corporation is controlled by defendants Kenner and Ken Jowdy.
- 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Baja Management LLC is a New York limited liability company with its principal place of business in Connecticut and also does business in Arizona and Mexico. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Baja Management LLC is controlled by defendants Kenner and Ken Jowdy (Plaintiff collectively refers to Kenner, Jowdy, Baja Development Corporation, and Baja

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Management LLC as the "Mexico Defendants").

- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants Code Fire Acquisition Corporation ("Code Fire") is a California corporation with its principal place of business (if any) in Arizona. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner controlled Code Fire Acquisition Corporation.
- 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant John Ward is a citizen and resident of California. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that John Ward was the president of defendant Code Fire but acted under the direction and control of Kenner (Plaintiff collectively refers to defendants Code Fire, Kenner and Ward as the "Code Fire Defendants").
- 22. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Loring Ward Capital Management, Inc. is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California, and was formerly known as Assante Global Advisors, Inc. (referred to hereafter as "Assante"). Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner was employed by Assante at the times of certain acts alleged herein. While Kenner was employed by Assante, Kenner and Assante were Juneau's investment advisors. Assante continued acting as an investment advisor and/or fiduciary for Juneau through at least 2005.
- 23. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that in doing the acts alleged herein, each of the Defendants was the agent, principal, employee, or alter ego of one or more of the other Defendants, and acted with the other Defendants' knowledge, consent and approval. As such, each of the Defendants is responsible for the liabilities of the other Defendants, as alleged herein.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

24. Jurisdiction exists in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, based on violation of the Section 10b-5 Securities Fraud. In addition, the Court has

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supplemental jurisdiction over the state law causes of action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1367(a).

- 25. This Court has personal jurisdiction over all defendants, who do business in California and have sufficient minimum contacts in California in connection with the events giving rise to this action. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that:
 - a. Defendants Kenner and Standard Advisors regularly do business in Los Angeles County, California. The acts and omissions alleged herein arose out of these business activities by Kenner and Standard Advisors.
 - b. The Hawaii Defendants jointly participated in a series of misrepresentations made in communications to "investors" in an entity known as Little Isle IV who were located in Los Angeles County, California and elsewhere in California. The Hawaii Defendants directed and participated jointly and as agents of each other in these communications which occurred within the Central District of California and elsewhere in California. The claims for relief alleged herein arise out of the misrepresentations and omissions made to investors including Plaintiff, as well as the conduct of the business of defendants Kenner and Standard Advisors.
 - c. The Mexico Defendants jointly participated in a series of misrepresentations made in communications to California "investors", including such representations made to investors in Los Angeles County, regarding defendants Baja Development Corporation and Baja Management LLC. The claims asserted herein arise out of the same conduct and representations made and/or originated within California, as well as the conduct of the business of defendants Kenner and Standard Advisors.

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- d. The Escer Defendants directed the sale of unregistered securities within the State of California, where such securities were sold to California residents. Kenner and Standard Advisors made recommendations within California that investors purchase the Escer securities to Kenner's and Standard Advisor's clients, including Plaintiff.
- e. Defendant Code Fire Acquisition Corporation was operated and controlled by defendants Kenner and Ward within California.
- f. Defendant Loring Ward, Inc. has its principal place of business within California.
- 26. Venue is proper within this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a), as the transactions and occurrences giving rise to the claims alleged herein took place within this District and Defendants do business in this District. In addition, venue is proper within this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) and (b).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 27. Joe Juneau is a former professional hockey player.
- 28. Defendant Phillip A. Kenner has provided business management and investment advisor services to Juneau since in or about 2000. Kenner worked for defendant Assante Global Advisors, Inc. through about April 2003 and provided his services to Juneau as an employee of Assante. Beginning in or about 2003, Kenner provided services to Juneau through Defendants Standard Advisors, Inc. and/or Standard Advisors, LLC.
- 29. Over the course of a lengthy professional relationship, Juneau came to believe that he could rely on Kenner to act at all times in Juneau's best interests. Kenner erroneously represented that he was a top-tier financial advisor who had the skills to grow Juneau's assets, the expertise to manage those assets and was keyed into lucrative investments which he would recommend to Juneau in order substantially to grow his investment portfolio.

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- 30. As detailed herein, Juneau is informed and believes that rather than acting in Juneau's best interests, Kenner made affirmative misrepresentations and material omissions in his communications with Juneau and committed numerous acts which constitute breach of his fiduciary duties to Juneau. During the course of the professional relationship between Kenner and Juneau, Kenner set out on a course to exploit and take unfair advantage of Juneau, reaping significant financial and other benefits for himself without regard for Juneau and to Juneau's outright detriment.
- 31. Kenner preyed upon this personal relationship with Juneau, exploiting the complete trust Juneau placed in him for Kenner's own gain. Kenner exhibited a willingness to take whatever actions were necessary to capitalize on Juneau's trust and confidence, which he had gained over the course of several years of acting as Juneau's advisor.

RCA TRUST

- \$1.2 million earned as a hockey player in the United States in an RCA trust for financial planning purposes. An RCA trust is a legal means of allowing Canadian citizens to receive income from outside Canada and be taxed at the rate of the country where the income is received. Among other requirements, a Canadian citizen seeking to use an RCA trust must be willing to completely divest himself/herself of all property in Canada and cease to live in Canada for a period of at least 2 years. During the period that money is held in an RCA Trust, it cannot be invested and receives no interest or other form of earnings.
- 33. Neither Kenner nor Assante informed Plaintiff of the above requirements. Had Plaintiff been informed that he would was required to cease his contact with Canada, he would never have agreed to use an RCA trust.
- 34. Following the advise of Kenner and Assante (Assante continued to advise Plaintiff concerning the RCA trust through 2005), Plaintiff moved into a

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- trailer in the United States for a two year period attempting to meet the requirements of an RCA trust for release of the funds at US tax rates, which were lower than Canadian tax rates. However, Juneau was never told that, in order to remove the money from the RCA trust, he would have to sell his home and other property in Canada. Assante and Kenner continued to advise Juneau regarding the RCA trust but never told him why the funds could not be removed from the RCA trust.
- 35. In 2008, Juneau learned for the first time that he could not qualify for the tax benefits of an RCA trust unless he severed his connections with Canada. Juneau would not agree to that because he is proud to be a Canadian citizen. Juneau even played hockey for the Canadian Olympic team prior to becoming a professional hockey player.
- 36. Juneau was finally able to retrieve the \$1.2 million from the RCA trust in 2008, but he lost the income he should have received on the funds. In addition, Juneau suffered substantial embarrassment and emotional distress because he was forced to live in a trailer in the US in an effort to qualify for an RCA trust tax benefit that he would never receive.

CODE FIRE ACQUISITION CORPORATION

- 37. Kenner and Assante Global Advisors, Inc. recommended that Juneau make a loan to Code Fire Acquisition Corporation ("Code Fire"). The loan amount was \$1.5 million.
- 38. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner and Standard Advisors controlled Code Fire and used the funds Juneau loaned to Code Fire for Kenner's own personal gain. Plaintiff is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant John Ward nominally acted as president of Code Fire and assisted Kenner and Standard Advisors in misappropriating the funds loaned by Juneau to Code Fire.
 - 39. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Code

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- 40. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Assante never investigated Code Fire prior to recommending that Juneau loan Code Fire the \$1.561 million. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Assante and Kenner would have known through the exercise of reasonable diligence and investigation that Code Fire was not an appropriate investment for Juneau.
- 41. Even though Assante continued to advise Juneau concerning investments made while Kenner still worked for Assante, it never informed Juneau that Code Fire had not been investigated by Assante. Plaintiff is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Code Fire was not an approved investment by Assante. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Assante terminated Kenner for, among other things, recommending Code Fire to Assante's clients (like Juneau), but that Assante never contacted Juneau or any other clients to inform them that Code Fire was not an approved investment.
- 42. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Code Fire has no assets of value and that the money loaned to Code Fire by Juneau was used for the benefit of Kenner, Standard Advisors, and John Wade.

ECSER HOLDINGS

- 43. Kenner and Standard Advisors recommended that Juneau invest in Ecser Holdings, Inc. by purchasing unregistered securities of Escer.
- 44. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner and Standard Advisors received undisclosed kick backs or other compensation from Ecser for providing Juneau and other clients of Kenner and Standard Advisors to Ecser.
 - 45. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that

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- Escer is not an operating business. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Escer is located at defendant Mosses Gutman's residence in the Bronx, New York and consists of a single machine sitting in a shed behind the residence. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner, Standard Advisors, Gutman and others have raised millions of dollars purportedly for Ecser's business but that instead the money was sent to offshore bank accounts.
- 46. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Ecser is a fraudulent scam. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner, Standard Advisors, and Gutman know or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known that Ecser was a fraudulent scam.
- 47. At the recommendation of Kenner and Standard Advisors, Juneau invested approximately \$300,000 in Ecser. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner, Standard Advisors and Gutman received all or part of the money Juneau "invested" in Ecser.

BAJA DEVELOPMENT

- \$500,000 to Baja Development Corporation without interest on the loan. Juneau received a promissory note from Baja Development Corporation which provided that the loan would not be repaid until "not less than 100 individuals acquired membership interests in the proposed development of the Golf Club and Resort to be developed in El Rosario, Baja, California by Baja Development Corporation." Kenner secured this loan from Juneau by representing that the funds would only be used for the development in El Rosario. Kenner never told Juneau that Kenner was personally benefiting from the interest-free loan.
- 49. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner and Standard Advisors were directing and controlling the development in El

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- 50. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Mexico Defendants abandoned the El Rosario development described in the Baja Development Corporation promissory note. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner and Standard Advisors did not disclose to Juneau that Baja Development Corporation abandoned the El Rosario Development for which the loan was made.
- 51. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Mexico Defendants misappropriated and/or diverted the funds loaned by Juneau and used them for a different development called Dia Monte Cabo. Juneau did not consent to any such diversion of funds. Moreover, as a result of the abandonment of the Dia Monte Del Mar Development, Juneau's promissory note from Baja Development Corporation became due and payable.
- 52. Plaintiff has not been paid the \$500,000 owed by Baja Development Corporation. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Mexico Defendants, and each of them, is responsible for repayment of the entire balance of the promissory note.

SCOTTSDALE AVALON AIRPARK

- \$550,000 in a project known as the Scottsdale Avalon Airpark. Kenner and Standard Advisors took the money. Juneau has never received any information concerning the purported investment. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants Thomas Constantine and Constantine Managemet LLC were supposed to manage this investment.
 - 54. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that

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Kenner, Standard Advisors, Thomas Constantine and Constantine Management LLC have taken Plaintiff's \$550,000 investment and used it for their own personal gain.

IMPACT PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 55. Kenner and Standard Advisors recommended that Juneau invest \$100,000 in a corporate entity known as Impact Protective Equipment.
- 56. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Impact Protective Equipment is, and at all times was, an inappropriate investment for Plaintiff. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner and Standard Advisors recommended the Impact Protective Equipment investment to Juneau and other clients of Standard Advisors for the purpose of obtaining substantial financial benefits for Kenner and Standard Advisors.
- 57. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner entered into an agreement with Impact Protective Equipment's principal, Mark Monica, whereby Kenner and Standard Advisors would raise \$2.5 million in financing for the entity and, in return, Kenner and Standard Advisors would take control of Impact Protective Equipment for their personal benefit.

NORTHERN TRUST ACCOUNT

- 58. Plaintiff maintained a brokerage account at Northern Trust. Without Plaintiff's knowledge or consent, Kenner and Standard Advisors forged documents in order to take out loans against Plaintiff's brokerage account.
- 59. Kenner and Standard Advisors took out loans against Plaintiff's assets. Kenner and Standard Advisors then transferred the money from the loans into Kenner's bank account under the name of Little Isle IV. Kenner then used the funds for Kenner's personal benefit.

HAWAII INVESTMENT

60. Kenner also convinced Juneau to invest in an entity known as Big Isle IV, which Kenner later renamed Little Isle IV, LLC. Kenner represented to Juneau

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- that the investment was a real estate project in Hawaii. Unknown to Juneau, Kenner controlled the project. Juneau is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner managed the investment and structured a transaction in which Kenner and the Hawaii Defendants obtained the majority interesting the overall project through shell entities. Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner took money from the Hawaii project for his own personal benefit.
- 61. Juneau is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Kenner and the Hawaii Defendants arranged for other investors in the Little Isle IV to receive as much as 50% of the initial investment back. Juneau never received any money back from the investment.

First Claim For Relief

Breach Of Fiduciary Duty

(Against Assante, Kenner and Standard Advisors)

- 62. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges herein paragraphs 1 through 59 above, as if set forth in full.
- 63. Kenner and Assante Global Advisors, Inc. owed Plaintiff a fiduciary duty as Plaintiff's financial and investment advisors. Plaintiff placed absolute trust in the recommendations of Kenner and Assante Global Advisors, Inc. as detailed above.
- 64. Kenner and Standard Advisors also owed Plaintiff a fiduciary duty as Plaintiff's financial and investment advisors. Plaintiff placed absolute trust in the recommendations of Kenner and Standard Advisors.
- 65. In addition, Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner took steps to exercise complete control over the remainder of Juneau's financial portfolio, investing substantial amounts of his assets in companies and projects which Kenner recommended and about which h Kenner provided very little information to Juneau. In each instance in which Kenner prevailed upon Juneau to participate in an investment, Kenner failed to provide any information about the structure, timeline

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- or expected return from the investment. In addition, Juneau has never over the course of several years received any appreciable returns on investments recommended to him by Kenner. This despite numerous misrepresentations from Kenner that such returns would be forthcoming. In clear breach of his professional obligations, Kenner has never provided Juneau with adequate records of any of his initial investments or of any purported returns on those investments.
- 66. As detailed more fully above, Juneau is informed and believes that, on numerous occasions, in breach of his fiduciary duties to Juneau, Kenner invested millions of dollars of Juneau's assets in companies and ventures in which Kenner had an ownership interest. Kenner never disclosed to Juneau his ownership interest in these investments.
- 67. Juneau is further informed and believes that Kenner represented to various companies that Kenner could secure significant amounts of investment capital from Juneau (and other of Kenner's clients) in exchange for either a percentage ownership of the companies or a portion of the companies' profits solely for himself and as a result secured such benefits for himself. Kenner never disclosed to Juneau that Kenner would reap a direct personal financial gain from any investment which he recommended to Juneau.
- 68. Juneau is informed and believes that, as of in or about April 2003, Defendant Phillip Kenner was no longer a licensed investment advisor. Kenner never informed Juneau that he was not longer licensed. Moreover, Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner performed services on Juneau's behalf that should only be performed by licensed investment advisors, including buying and selling regulated securities and changing Juneau's asset allocations.
- 69. Juneau is further informed and believes that Kenner made a practice of asking Juneau to sign documents (including those from which Kenner could financially benefit) at inopportune times and/or by presenting Juneau with numerous documents simultaneously. Kenner pressed Juneau who is not a native

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- English speaker to sign the documents, without explaining what Juneau was in fact signing and by glossing over important information about the documents.
- 70. Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner also made undisclosed kick backs from disability policies issued to Juneau through an insurance brokerage firm.
- 71. Plaintiff only became aware of Kenner's extensive breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and negligence in or about April 2008.
- 72. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages against Kenner, Assante Global Advisors Inc., and Standard Advisors for all of the investment losses and thefts set forth above. In addition, Plaintiff seeks disgorgement of all profits traceable to Kenner and Standard Advisors' use of Juneau's funds for their own personal gain.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF FOR FRAUD

(Against All Defendants except Assante)

- 73. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 71 above.
- 74. Defendant Kenner has owed Plaintiff fiduciary duties resulting from the position of trust and confidence he assumed as Plaintiff's business manager and investment advisor. Beginning in or about 2003, Kenner provided services to Plaintiff through Defendants Standard Advisors, inc. and/or Standard Advisors, LLC. Plaintiff reposed total, unfettered trust and confidence in Kenner.
- 75. As more fully set forth above, Kenner intentionally made the following material misrepresentations and omissions of material fact to Juneau:
- a. Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner repeatedly recommended that Juneau invest in companies and projects in which Kenner had an ownership interest without ever disclosing his interest to Juneau while Kenner as a fiduciary of Juneau owed a duty to disclose such interests;

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- b. Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner represented to various companies that Kenner could secure significant amounts of investment capital from Juneau (and other of Kenner's clients) in exchange for either a percentage ownership of the companies or a portion of the companies' profits solely for himself and, based thereon, secured such ownership and profits;
- c. Juneau is informed and believes that Kenner held himself out as a licensed investment advisor (and performed services that should only be performed by licensed investment advisors) when he was no longer licensed to provide such services.
- 76. Because Juneau was unaware of the material facts being concealed by Kenner, Plaintiff allowed Kenner to continue in his role as business manager and investment advisor, continued to place trust and confidence in Kenner, and agreed to make a multimillion-dollar loan to him. Had Plaintiff known the true facts, he would have germinated Kenner immediatealy.
 - 77. Plaintiff only discovered the true facts in or about April 2008.
- 78. As a direct and proximate result of Kenner's fraudulent concealment of material facts and affirmative misrepresentations, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 79. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that all of the above-identified defendants except for Assante Global Advisors, Inc. knew that Kenner was engaged in a fraudulent enterprise with the intent of misappropriating funds from his clients, including Juneau. Plaintiff further alleges that each of the above-identified defendants conspired with and assisted Kenner in accomplishing his fraudulent activities by assisting Kenner and acting at Kenner's directions in operating the fraudulent entities described above.
- 80. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Kenner has concealed material facts and made affirmative misrepresentations willfully, wantonly and in reckless disregard of Plaintiff's rights. Kenner's conduct

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has been so egregious as to justify an award of punitive damages to deter such conduct in the future.

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THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

(Against Defendants Kenner, Standard Advisors and Assante)

- 81. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 74 above.
- 82. Defendant Kenner has acted as business manager and investment advisor for Plaintiff. Kenner provided these professional services as an employee of Assante. Beginning in or about 2003, Kenner provided those services to Juneau through Defendants Standard Advisors, Inc. and/or Standard Advisors, LLC. As such, Kenner owed a duty to Plaintiff to use such skill, prudence and diligence as other reputable members of the accounting and financial services profession in a similar locality commonly possess and exercise under similar circumstances.
- 83. Assante continued to provide Juneau with professional advice concerning his investments including the RCA trust described above through at least 2005. Assante failed to exercise the degree of skill and care necessary and required of a professional investment advisor.
- 84. Juneau did not, and could not through the exercise of reasonable diligence, have learned that the advice he had received from Kenner, Assante and Standard Advisors fell below the standard of care, or that he had suffered substantial damages as a result.
- 85. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that defendants were negligent and failed to fulfill their professional obligations to Plaintiff by engaging in the conduct alleged herein, including:
- a. Kenner and Standard Advisors provided Juneau with any statements relating to Juneau's investments account;

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Kenner and Standard Advisors also failed to provide any b. quarterly cash-basis financial statements; Kenner and Standard Advisors failed to provide Juneau with c. records of Juneau's investments or any purported returns; Kenner, Standard Advisors and Assante failed to adequately d. investigate investments that they recommended and failed to disclose all risks associated with those investments to Juneau; Kenner and Assante failed to inform Juneau that Kenner had recommended investments to Juneau that were not approved or researched by Assante during the time Kenner was employed by Assante in violation of Assante's policies and procedures as well as violating the standard of care; As a direct and proximate result of Kenner's, Assante's, and Standard 86. Advisor's negligence in failing to fulfill his professional obligations to Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered damages in excess of \$75,000, in an amount to be determined at trial. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST AND APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER (Against All Defendants except Assante) Plaintiff hereby incorporates by this reference as though set forth in 87. full at this point, each of the allegations contained in Paragraphs I through 84 above. As a result of the conduct described above concerning all defendants 88. except Assante, and the resulting conversion of Plaintiff's assets, a constructive trust is required to be imposed on all monies or assets which Defendants have in their possession, custody or control to ensure that monies rightfully belonging to Plaintiff are not dissipated.

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the Court should order that all of defendants' (except Assante) property and

In addition, in light of the theft of funds and commingling of assets,

holdings be identified to an independent receiver who can take over and manage the assets pending disposition of this litigation.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF VIOLATION OF SECTION 10(b)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Against Defendants Kenner and Standard Advisors)

- 90. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 87 above.
- 91. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of the foregoing investments including Ecser, Code Fire, Impact, and Little Isle IV recommended by Kenner and Standard Advisors constituted securities within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 78(j)(b), and Rule 10b-5.
- 92. Kenner and Standard Advisors acted with scienter. The intent to deceive is established by the foregoing allegations including: (1) the use of corporate entities such as Ecser which has no business operations and served only to move Juneau's money overseas; (2) concealing Kenner's ownership interest in many of the recommended investments for the purpose of personally profiting at the expense of others; and (3) Kenner's misappropriation of Juneau's funds from Juneau's Northern Trust account by use of fraudulent loan documents.
- 93. Kenner and Standard Advisors made false representations about Ecser including the assertion that Ecser was an operating business when in fact it merely moved money overseas. Kenner and Standard Advisors also concealed their ownership and control as well as secret profits relating to the investments and instead represented that investments in securities such as Impact would yield high returns, when there was no basis for such statements. Kenner and Standard Advisors were motivated by their secret attempt to obtain control over Impact as described above.

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- Juneau relied upon Kenner and Standard Advisors in purchasing the 94. securities and believed that Kenner and Standard Advisors was making recommendations with Juneau's best interest in mind. As a result of Kenner's and Standard Advisor's misrepresentations and 95. concealment, Juneau lost the money invested as described above. Kenner and Standard Advisors violated 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6 by 96. breaching their fiduciary duties, by committing the fraud described above and by unlawfully converting monies belonging to Plaintiff, Defendants have been unjustly enriched in vast sums. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' gross misconduct, Juneau has been damaged in an amount in excess of \$75,000 to be proven at trial. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows: For damages according to proof to be determined at trial, together with interest thereon at the maximum rate permitted by law;

 - Injunctive relief, including preliminary and permanent injunctive relief 2. barring Defendants from exercising control over Plaintiff's monies and property;
 - The appointment of a temporary and permanent receiver to manage Defendants assets, which are commingled with Plaintiff's monies;
 - Disgorgement of profits; 4.
 - For exemplary and punitive damages according to proof; 5.
 - For costs of suit, including attorneys' fees; and 6.
 - For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper. 7.

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PEPPER HAMILTON LLP Dated: December 16, 2008 By: Michael L. Meeks Attorneys for Plaintiff JOE JUNEAU DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL Plaintiff hereby requests a jury trial on all issues so triable. PEPPER HAMILTON LLP Dated: December 16, 2008 By: Midhael L. Meeks Attorneys for Plaintiff JOE JUNEAU

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Consuelo B. Marshall and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Patrick J. Walsh.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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A ^A	all discovery related motions	sho	ıld be noticed on the calendar	of th	e Magistrate Judge		
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Case 2:063 cv - 002007 - d BR1 4000 \ Document 1907 falle file 109/009 / 40a g Baye a 520f 40a g ag a 194 195 Michael L. Mees, (SBN 172000) meeks@pepperlaw.com PEPPER HAMILTON LLP 4 Park Plaza, Suite 1200 Irvine, CA 92614 (949) 567-3500 phone (949) 863-0151 fax UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CASE NUMBER CV08-08:28408 JOE JUNEAU, an individual PLAINTIFF(S) ٧. PHILLLIP A. KENNER an individual **SUMMONS** DEFENDANT(S). SEE ATTACHED TO:DEFENDANT(S): PHILLIP A. KENNER an individual; STANDARD ADVISORS, INC., a Delaware Corporation and STANDARD ADVISROS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company: (SEE ATTACHMENT) A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 20 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached omplaint ame nded complaint counterclaim Cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Michael L. Meeks, whose address is Pepper Hamilton LLP 4 Park Plaza, Suite 1200, Irvine, CA 92614. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court. Clerk, U.S. District Court DEC 16 2008 Dated: (Seal of the Court) [Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].



SUMMONS (ATTACHMENT)

TO DEFENDANTS:

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